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**Senate Bill 290, An Act Concerning The Publication Of State Agency  
Regulations On The Internet**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch in support of *Senate Bill 290, An Act Concerning the Publication of State Agency Regulations on the Internet*. This bill would require, in part, that the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) consult with the Commission on Official Legal Publications (COLP) to develop a computer program that enables state agencies to post regulations on their respective websites.

By way of background, the Judicial Branch's Commission on Official Legal Publications is required by statute to publish and distribute state regulations and is also required to publish the regulations in the Connecticut Law Journal. Currently, an electronic version of all state regulations is not available.

The Judicial Branch is aware of the strong legislative interest in creating an electronic repository of regulations, and has been working to effectuate this goal within our existing resources. The Branch is attempting to develop a process whereby all state regulations would be posted on our website in an electronic, PDF version. If we are successful, search capabilities will be limited because of the PDF format. We believe, however, that this would be a good first step in making the regulations more widely available.

The Branch would be pleased to work with the proponents of this bill and DOIT to achieve a more permanent method of posting and searching state regulations, and therefore supports this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony.